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(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD K-9859 FOR ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS SA-2 CANISTER TRANSPORTERS AT HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD.

2. LOCATION:

HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD IS LOCATED TWO NM EAST OF HA NOI.

3. BACKGROUND:

HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD IS ONE OF THE MAJOR AIRFIELDS IN NORTH
VIETNAM. PRIOR TO 1940 A WELL-DISPERSED SYSTEM OF AIRFIELDS WAS
CREATED BY THE FRENCH. THESE AIRFIELDS WERE LATER USED BY THE JAPANESE
DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER THE WAR THE FRENCH UNDERTOOK A GRADUAL
PROGRAM OF AIRFIELD REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION. WITH THE ADVENT OF
THE VIET MINH OFFENSIVE, THE AIRFIELD ASSUMED AN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT
ROLE AND FACILITIES WERE ADDED OR EXPANDED. WHEN HOSTILITIES CEASED IN
JULY 1954 THE FRENCH REMOVED LARGE AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE HA NOI/
HAI PHONG AREA AIRFIELDS BEFORE TURNING THEM OVER TO THE VIET MINH.
SINCE THEN, AIR TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH VIETNAM HAS BEEN
SPONSORED BY COMMUNIST CHINA UNDER AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR COMMUNIST
CHINESE AID IN ESTABLISHING AIR AND METEOROLOGICAL STATIONS IN NORTH

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VIETNAM. IN 1955, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED A CIVIL AIR ORGANIZATION WITH HEADQUARTERS AT HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF EARLY MARCH 1966 REVEALED HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD TO CONSIST OF A 6,555 X 90 FT NNE/SSW SERVICEABLE CONCRETE RUNWAY, INCLUDING A NEW 1,150 FT EXTENSION ON THE NNE END AND A 5,800 X 320 FT NW/SE SERVICEABLE CONCRETE RUNWAY. FACILITIES INCLUDED ONE HANGAR, NUMEROUS SUPPORT BUILDINGS, A WEATHER STATION, A POL STORAGE AREA ON THE NORTHWEST END OF THE NW/SE RUNWAY, AND SIXTEEN AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS WITH EXHAUST VENTS.

4. MISSION READOUT:

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COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, ONE PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTER, SIX
LAUNCHERS (THREE IN A CLEARED AREA AND THREE ON A ROAD), THREE SETS OF
BOGIE WHEELS, SIX VANS, ONE PROBABLE VAN, AND SEVEN SA-2 CANISTER
TRANSPORTERS LOCATED IN THE BARRACKS AND MAINTENANCE AREA AT THE NORTHWEST END OF THE NW/SE RUNWAY. OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED IN THE IMMEDIATE
AREA INCLUDE THIRTY-TWO TRUCKS, TWO TRUCK MOUNTED CRANES, AND NUMEROUS
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. A LOCOMOTIVE AND APPROXIMATELY
28 FLATCARS ARE NOTED ON A SIDING NEARBY.

AIRCRAFT OBSERVED CONSIST OF TWO MI-6 HOOK HELICOPTERS, NINE MI-4 HOUND HELICOPTERS, ONE CAMP, EIGHT CRATE, SIX CAB, AND EIGHT COLT.

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